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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I have chosen to do business with a small, local, internet provider for service, affordable rates and no arbitrary price increases. I have been a past customer of ATT and Comcast and no longer wish to be a customer of a massive, impersonal, monopoly that has no care for the individual, small companies, or competition in general. I and other consumers need valid choices. And more, not less.

My internet service is critical to my business, where I want the most competitive rates and service. It is also important in my social life, where I do not wish to be dictated to when it comes to my service provider.

I wish to remain with my current local provider. I am satisfied and happy to be their customer. I do not wish to be bullied and forced to change due to the dictates of large corporations. Consumers must be protected.

Please take the necessary action to make this happen.

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